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MEDIA ADVISORY
African Story Readings at Cherry Hill Farmhouse
To Benefit Ugandan Orphan Foundation
Friday, June 30, 2006

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Former Falls Church City resident Frank Ross will join members of the Victorian Society of Falls Church in reading African stories at Cherry Hill Farmhouse Friday, June 30 at 8 p.m. Ross is a former Cherry Hill Victorian Reading Nights reader, now living in Uganda.

Ross moved from the City to Uganda last year to set up a library. He is now working to establish a library at a Ugandan university. Upon his return to the City, Ross will read from a collection of fictional stories and travel accounts he has collected from African countries, including Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He will also present a slide show of his travels throughout the African continent.

Some of the stories and pictures featured during the readings will highlight areas near Kokolopori in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Falls Church City Council adopted Kokolopori as Falls Church City's "Sister City" in February 2006. The partnership is designed to support mutual understanding and sustainable development between the citizens of the two cities.

Admission to the readings is \$5. All proceeds will be donated to a Ugandan orphanage that was left without funding when its sponsor passed away. The orphanage cares for 75 children.

To make reservations or for more information, please call 703-248-5171 (TTY 711).

WHAT: African Story Readings WHEN: Friday, June 30, 2006

**TIME:** 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cherry Hill Farmhouse

312 Park Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046

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